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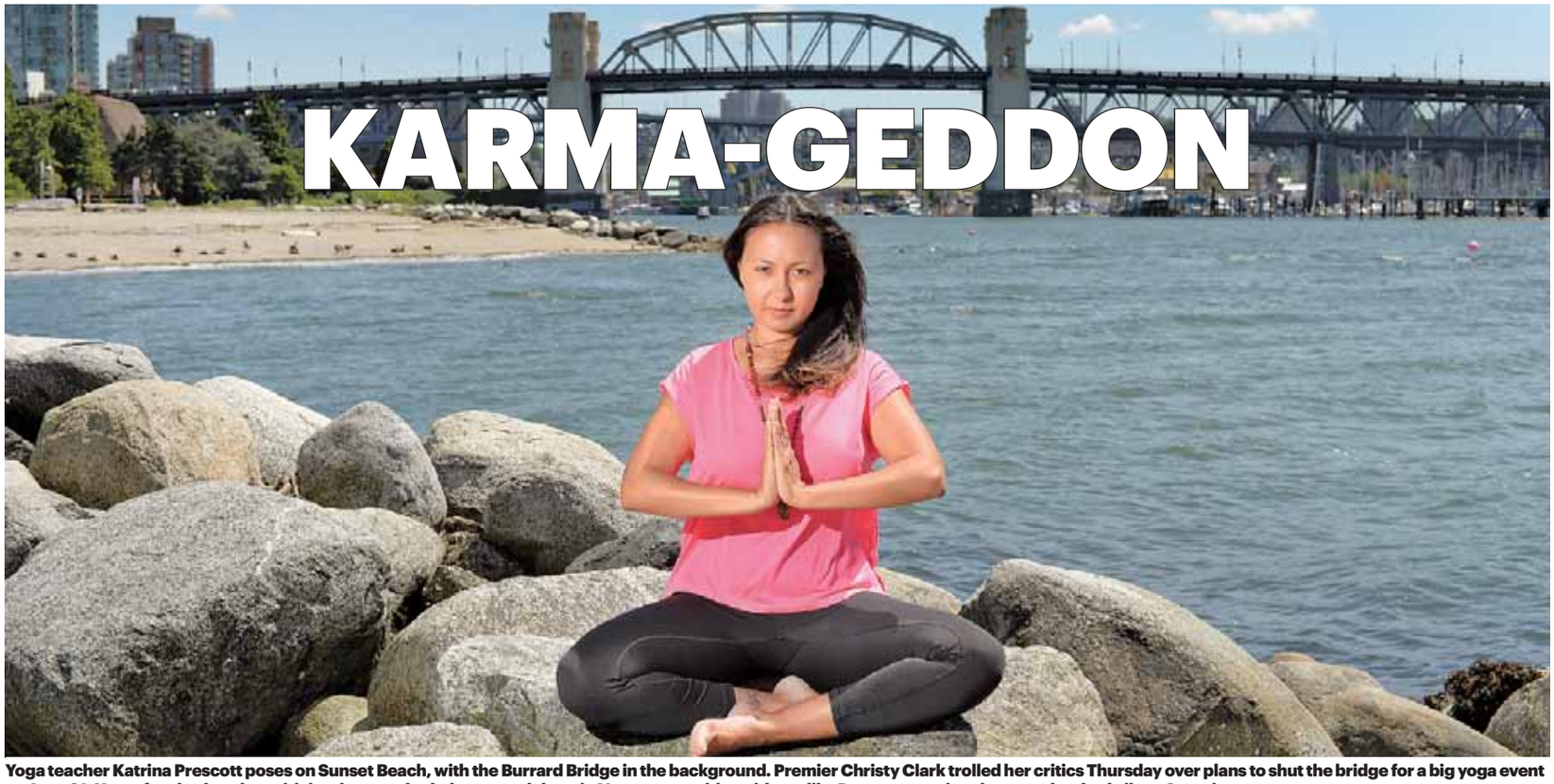

Yoga teacher Katrina Prescott poses on Sunset Beach, with the Burrard Bridge in the background. Premier Christy Clark trolled her critics Thursday over plans to shut the bridge for a big yoga event on June 21. Her refusal to bend to criticism has sparked a hot yoga debate in Vancouver, with residents like Prescott arguing the event has bad vibes. Story in metroNEWS. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

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City not budging from plan to ban pot brownies, candies

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Marijuana products at centre of public hearing debate

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday that medical-marijuana users have the constitutional right to use edible cannabis products, but the city isn't budging on its plan to ban pot brownies and candies from Vancouver dispensaries.

The city issued a statement Thursday acknowledging the court's decision yet reaffirming the stance of city manager Dr. Penny Ballem and Vancouver Coastal Health medical health officer Dr. Patricia Daly that edibles should be banned from marijuana-related retailers.

"Edible products are being sold in the form of candies and baked goods, which appeal to children," according to the statement.

"Evidence in the U.S. is that wider availability of these products is causing increased poisonings in children, and we want to prevent this from occurring here in Vancouver."

Edible marijuana products were at the centre of debate at a public hearing on whether Vancouver should create regulations for the 94 pot shops that operate outside the law within city limits.

Isaac Oommen, communications co-ordinator for the BC Compassion Club, holds a variety of edibles. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

While all but one of the first 17 out of more than 160 speakers were all for regulating the dispensaries, almost all agreed that they should be allowed to sell edible products for patients who can't smoke or don't have the ability to bake on their own.

Lawyer Kirk Tousaw, who won the Supreme Court case, urged city councillors at the public hearing late Wednesday night to consider the patient before it committed to the ban on edibles.

"We know and we heard prohibition causes harm," he said.

Brina Levitt, who makes edible marijuana products and uses them to ease pain, argued the edible ban hurts people who are too sick to bake or make their own products or who want their medication to last longer, comparing it to cough medicine.

"Doesn't an eight-hour cough medicine sound better than one that lasts one to three hours?" she asked.

However, Coun. Geoff Meggs was reluctant to buy into the commentary that edibles are safe.

He noted that Vancouver Coastal Health has been an advocate for very liberal programs including supervised injection sites.

"Those who say to me, 'Just never mind Coastal Health, they're wrong,' they're not compelling to me," Meggs said.

The public hearing continued Thursday.

LNG takes a step forward

Pacific NorthWest (PNW) LNG has committed to doing business in British Columbia.

The consortium planning to export liquefied natural gas from Prince Rupert announced Thursday it has made a positive Final Investment Decision on its proposed $36-billion project.

If built (the project still needs to pass federal environmental assessments, agree to deals with opposing First Nations and have government ratify the Project Development Agreement in Victoria), PNW LNG would represent the biggest capital investment in B.C. history.

"A Final Investment Decision is a crucial step to ensure that the project stays on track to service contracted LNG customers," said PNW LNG president Michael Culbert in a statement. "The integrated project is poised to create thousands of construction and operational careers in the midst of the current energy-sector slowdown."

Last month, the province reached a Project Development Agreement with the Petronas-led consortium, which will see B.C. gain $7.7 billion in royalties over 23 years. But the project faces a significant hurdle in the form of First Nations opposition. Last month, the Lax Kw'alaams band rejected a $1.15-billion deal from PNW to build its export facility on Lelu Island. The band says the area is a critical habitat for salmon. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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City gives up on bike share operator Motivate

AGREEMENT

Search begins for new technology

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

After four years, the City of Vancouver is breaking up with the company it chose to build a public bike share so it can search for a younger model of technology.

Despite a $6-million budget and a repeated promise to have a bike-sharing program up and running by summer 2015, the city and its chosen supplier Alta (now called Motivate) weren't able to get the bike share project rolling due to Motivate's inability to meet the city's conditions over sponsorship, third party financing and a helmet-supply system, the city announced Thursday in a news release.

"As a result of these issues, the city and Motivate have not reached agreement and no funds have flowed to the company," the news release stated.

It also highlighted corporate troubles faced by Alta and its partner Bixi (Bixi went bankrupt) after the city chose it as a supplier in April 2011.

While Motivate might not have received any money, the city has spent at least $50,000 on the project, not including staff time.

That money went to Richmond-based supplier SandVault to build a prototype of a helmet vending machine.

Mayor Gregor Robertson test drives a BIXI bike outside city hall in June 2009 during a preview of the public bike-sharing program. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

> **The city's goal is to ensure the best possible system is implemented at the best possible value.**
> City of Vancouver news release

The second procurement process seeking new bids will begin in the coming weeks and reflects "significant evolution and innovation," according to the city.

The city expects to achieve "significant cost efficiencies" by using new technology.

One of these options is the Social Bicycles system, which works like car2go in that users can park bicycles wherever they want instead of at specific docking stations. SoBi, which is used in Hamilton, Ont., visited the city earlier this year to show off its technology.

"The city's goal is to ensure the best possible system is implemented at the best possible value," according to the news release. "A public bike share system will add a convenient, comfortable, flexible, and affordable way to cycle in Vancouver."

INVESTIGATION

Premier defends actions

Premier Christy Clark is rebuffing Opposition accusations that her government obstructed a police investigation into the public firings of eight health ministry workers, but the New Democrats say it's a coverup.

Clark has cited an October 2013 email between the RCMP and finance ministry as evidence the Mounties had opened a file on the health ministry probe.

The government announced serious allegations were being examined at a news conference in September 2012.

"The information that came out confirms that what the Opposition has been saying about this is absolutely not true," Clark said at an unrelated news conference at a Nanaimo, B.C., sawmill.

"The RCMP confirmed that there is an open file, and in their letter this referred to an 'investigation.'"

She added that police specifically requested the government not release all details under Freedom of Information legislation, saying their work needed to be respected.

The government heeded the RCMP's wishes, she said, adding the new email demonstrates the Opposition has "really been making things up."

"The things they've said about this are just groundless."

Eight Ministry of Health researchers were either fired or suspended in summer 2012.

The government became concerned after looking into the relationship between university researchers seeking grants and employees working on B.C.'s PharmaCare program.

The NDP has repeatedly called for a public inquiry, even though both Health Minister Terry Lake and Clark have offered regrets.

He said on Thursday that Clark's new comments heighten the need for a public inquiry.

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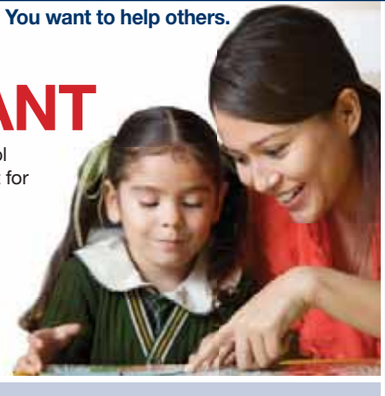

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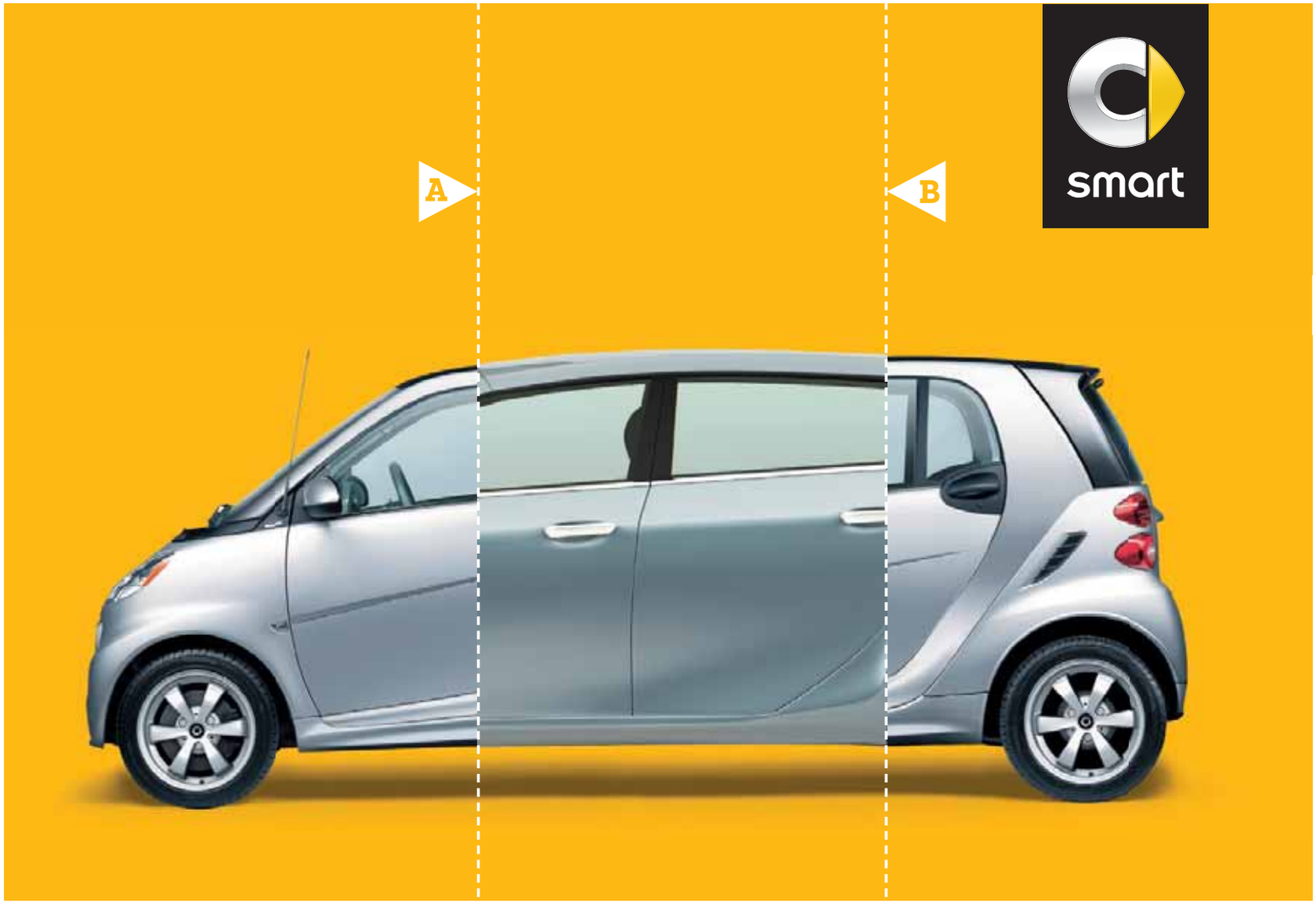

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Premier calls out Twitter 'yoga haters'

SOCIAL MEDIA

Clark takes unZen-like approach to criticism

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

If you thought B.C. Premier Christy Clark might have second thoughts about closing down the Burrard Bridge for a massive yoga celebration, well, you'd be wrong.

Clark is taking a somewhat haters-gonna-hate approach to the event that will cost taxpayers $150,000 and is sponsored by Altagas and Lululemon, both donors to the B.C. Liberals.

The event has attracted criticism from yogis who don't like the sponsorship from an LNG company, from First Nations groups unimpressed that it detracts from National Aboriginal Day and taxpayer advocates irritated by the cost.

"Hey Yoga Haters — bet you can't wait for international Tai Chi day," Clark posted on her verified Twitter account Thursday morning. A photo of Clark in front of a Tai Chi studio accompanied the tweet.

Within hours, the message was shared hundreds of times and attracted comments from perplexed people questioning whether the premier's account was hacked.

> **Yoga is lovely. It's your arrogant government that I've grown to hate.**
> @RobMaguire

Not so. At a press conference at Duke Point Sawmill in Nanaimo, Clark said the post was "a bit of self-deprecating humour" and that she had no intention of reconsidering the event on June 21.

"I didn't choose the day; the United Nations chose the day," Clark told reporters, adding it's being celebrated in Times Square in New York and at the Washington Monument.

She questioned whether people would be as upset if the province closed the bridge for ball hockey or a marathon and said yogis deserved to be celebrated too.

"I think it's a little puzzling to see so many people criticizing something that people do, that thousands of British Columbians do every day to find a little bit of peace in their lives," she said.

Clark added the province will also celebrate National Aboriginal Day and Father's Day.

"It's a busy day, no question about it.... I think there's room for all three, and we will certainly be making sure that we are going to be a part of honouring First Nations, their contributions to our communities and our commitment to make sure that First Nations are full participants and beneficiaries in our resource economy."

Meanwhile, the comments continued to flood in on social media. The vast majority did not send good vibes to the premier.

"Yoga is lovely. It's your arrogant government that I've grown to hate," Twitter user Rob Maguire posted, in one of the tamer messages.

Mayor Gregor Robertson will not participate in the event because he will be at a breakfast for National Aboriginal Day, the mayor's office confirmed in an email.

Premier Clark posted this image of her in front of a Tai Chi studio to Twitter on Thursday.
@CHRISTYCLARKBC

REAL ESTATE

MLA calls for independent housing data

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The public will only believe independent data when it comes to the impact of foreign money on Vancouver's housing market, an NDP MLA says.

The B.C. Real Estate Association (BCREA) released a report this week saying that foreign ownership impacts less than five per cent of the market and has little bearing on affordability for first-time homebuyers.

David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, said that while the data may be true, the public will have a hard time taking the association at its word.

"The public doesn't see them as independent in this debate. Everyone sees the conflict of interest," he said.

"The public is looking for independent, empirical data about foreign investment and speculation. That's going to be the only thing that settles this debate."

Though downplaying the impact of foreign ownership, the BCREA report does point to a lack of data on the issue and recommends the provincial government attach a "residency declaration" somewhere in the land-transfer form process to more accurately track foreign influence on real-estate sales.

Eby is calling on the province to collect even more data than that.

He also wants the province to use BC Hydro data to hone in on the number of vacant houses in the city and says it should also compel the federal government to release data on real-estate sales that use foreign funds (Ottawa already collects data on foreign investments over $10,000, he said).

"The big problem has been we have two levels of government that believe the market will solve itself," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Police seek witnesses who helped 58-year-old man with fatal head injury

Vancouver Police are looking for several people who investigators believe could help solve the mystery of how a man ended up with a fatal head injury during a walk at Kitsilano Beach last month.

Police said the 58-year-old man left his home around 8:30 p.m. on May 30 and went for a walk to nearby Kitsilano Beach. He returned home two hours later in a state of confusion and told his partner he had been in a fight at the beach but couldn't provide details.

He was found unresponsive the next day and later died in hospital after undergoing two surgeries for a life-threatening brain bleed.

Investigators have tracked down several witnesses and video of the man, but are now looking for specific people who are not suspects but might have important details.

Police are seeking two female cyclists who are believed to have helped the man off the road on or before May 30 on West 1st Avenue near Yew Street, and two women who appear to speak to the man and let him into his building on the night of his walk at 9:50 p.m.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Man who died on Grouse Grind identified

A 55-year-old man who died while climbing the Grouse Grind in North Vancouver has been identified.

The BC Coroners Service says Sean Henley was hiking Grouse Mountain trail when he collapsed about three-quarters of the way to the top. The challenging 2.9-kilometre trail is dubbed Mother Nature's Stairmaster.

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Surrey high school dance teacher Shirley Clements. CONTRIBUTED

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HIP HOP

Surrey teacher overwhelmed after dance video goes viral

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Surrey high school teacher says she is overwhelmed by her newfound fame after a video of her performing a hip-hop dance became a global sensation.

"It's totally surreal," Shirley Clements, 60, told Metro. "It's crazy. I couldn't even think of something as crazy as what's happened."

In January, Clements, who is retiring this year, celebrated her last year as a dance teacher by performing a perfectly choreographed hip-hop routine to Bruno Mars' Uptown Funk that included rapping and break dancing — even spinning on her head — alongside her students at North Surrey Secondary School.

Clements said she decided to choreograph the dance to perform at Outbreak, an annual dance competition she launched at the school 19 years ago, to show off her moves before she retires.

"I thought to myself, this year I'm really going to show them what I've got," she said.

The students were floored, said Clements. "Their mouths dropped open."

A video of the dance is making international headlines after Ellen DeGeneres recently posted it on her website, where it now has more than 2.4 million views.

Since then, Clements, who is admittedly not tech savvy, said her students tell her every time the video is featured in the news.

"They're like, 'You're on Buzzfeed!' and I'm like, 'What's that?'" she said. "For me this is all foreign. I'm not a person that usually sits on computers."

Still, she's grateful the video has had a positive response. Clements said she hopes it helps raise awareness about the importance of funding for dance in schools.

FESTIVAL

Italian Day 2015 to take over the city

More than 300,000 people are expected to don green, white and red and hit Commercial Drive on Sunday for the city's sixth annual Italian Day, the largest street festival in the city.

Food might be the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of Italy, but this year the festival's theme is art, with plans to showcase Italian craftsmanship, music, design and dance.

But don't worry about a lack of food — more than 100 merchants, vendors, food trucks and carts, as well as 20 restaurant patios, will be open for business. The event will also feature performances by City Opera Vancouver and Vancouver Opera, Italian folkloric choirs and Famee Furlane dancers.

New features this year include a third stage at Grandview Park with Italian martial arts demonstrations, a fashion show, an appearance by Italian actor Antonio Cupo and a photo-art project by the Brittania Community Centre.

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That's the idea behind Super Voices, the latest theatre performance from Vancouver production company Realwheels, which highlights members of the disabled community and celebrates the many herculean talents they possess.

"Superpowers are not those that we tend to see reflected in film and television where somebody can fly or lift objects," producer Rena Cohen told Metro. "It's really those gifts and qualities that are truly reflective of disability culture."

Born in 2013, the concept for Super Voices came about during a series of performing arts workshops hosted by Realwheels during which members of the disability community shared their personal experiences.

As each person revealed a superhuman ability they have developed as a result of their disability, from incredible patience to compassion and alternate modes of communication, Cohen said she realized the potential to deepen the public's understanding of what it means to be disabled.

"It's about moving beyond the typifying of people with disabilities either as sources of inspiration or as object of pity," said Cohen. "Disability isn't necessarily a tragedy and it's not necessarily genius."

The cast of Super Voices rehearses with director Jeffrey Renn of Realwheels. CONTRIBUTED

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LYTTON

Blaze approaches First Nation homes

A wildfire threatening structures south of Lytton, B.C., has grown to seven square kilometres and its smoke can now be seen as far away as the north Okanagan.

The province's Wildfire Management Branch was reporting Thursday evening that 40 firefighters were on their way to help 22 colleagues and two helicopters already battling the blaze.

Earlier in the day, the branch noted the flames had come within 500 metres of several properties, although any evacuation orders or alerts would be issued by the Lytton First Nation.

Fire information officer Melissa Klassen said high winds were a problem, especially gusts between noon and 4:30 p.m.

"The normal wind speeds were 40 kilometres per hour and then they had gusts of anywhere from 60 to 80 kilometre per hour," she said.

Klassen said crews were attaching specialized sprinkler systems to local homes.

Resident Paul Lightfoot said the fire is about five kilometres south of the community and appears to have started along the CN Rail line.

Environment Canada was reporting clouds and a temperature of 25C in the early evening.

Klassen said smoke was drifting to the east and was reported as far away from Vernon, which is located three hours away by car and to the northeast.

Fire activity could drop overnight, and while firefighters will remain on the ground to fight the flames, they won't be able to call on any aircraft, which don't fly at night, she said.

Klassen asked motorists to be careful because the fire is visible from Highway 1.

"It is a safety risk as far as people pulling over to observe, so we just want to remind people to keep driving, to be safe on the highway, just because stopping abruptly or even just being on the side of the highway can always cause an accident," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Destroyer ship Algonquin retires after 41 years

Forty-one years of distinguished service have come to an end for a Royal Canadian Navy ship that's been retired at a base on Vancouver Island.

The HMCS Algonguin received its last cheer at the Esquimalt navy base as sailors marched off for the last time and a band played Sunset.

The warship was built in Lauzon, Que., and commissioned in November 1973.

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Three men wounded in shooting known to police

Police say one man is in serious condition and two others are wounded after an early-morning shooting in Langley.

RCMP say they received several calls about shots being fired at about 2:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Officers say they arrived to find three men at a home in the same area, all suffering from gunshot wounds.

Mounties say one of the men has life-threatening injuries while the other two were not as seriously hurt.

RCMP say the two men with lesser injuries have not been co-operative, and all three are known to police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Solomon wanted to sue art collector partner: Documents

MEDIA

Ex-CBC host argued he was owed a million for one deal

Former CBC host Evan Solomon was contemplating suing his art collector partner in February for not paying in full a $1-million commission he believed he was owed.

"I do expect to be paid the full balance owing in accordance to our agreement and as reflected in my invoice," Solomon wrote in an email to art collector Bruce Bailey. If the money did not arrive by March 1, Solomon said, "I will have no choice but to explore legal recourses available to me."

Solomon was fired this week from his two CBC hosting jobs after Torstar News Service reported he was taking secret commission payments on art sales to people he dealt with as a journalist.

Leading up to February, Solomon and Bailey had a solid partnership. Bailey, the wealthy collector from Port Hope, Ont., had the art. Solomon, host of Power and Politics on television and The House on CBC Radio, had the growing circle of powerful contacts.

Emails between them show a giddiness about the future.

"Wow. The first sale! Well, how cool is this? The partnership is on the way. Well done Bruce," Solomon wrote on Oct. 31, 2013, shortly after the first art sale to RIM founder Jim Balsillie.

As Torstar previously reported, Solomon had sought out Balsillie to interview him as a journalist. On their first meeting, Solomon brought along Bailey.

Balsillie, who went on to buy numerous art pieces from Bailey, has said he never knew Solomon was part of the deals — and receiving a commission.

According to Solomon and Bailey's contract, signed in 2013, Solomon was entitled to a 10 per cent commission on sales.

The biggest deal, which came earlier this year, concerned a painting by Peter Doig, a Scottish artist who spent most of his early years in Canada and now lives in Trinidad.

Doig's paintings have been rising in value and by March this year one would sell for almost $26 million U.S. at an auction in New York.

According to emails and documents, Bailey contended he and Solomon had struck a verbal agreement to alter their written contract so that on art worth more than $500,000 he would pay Solomon a lower commission.

When Balsillie purchased the Doig from Bailey, emails show that Bailey wanted to pay Solomon a $200,000 fee as a "finder's fee," not a 10 per cent commission.

On Feb. 19, Solomon sent an invoice from Four T Productions, a company run out of his Ottawa home, telling Bailey he was entitled to a payment of more than $1 million, an amount that included a 10 per cent commission on the total value of the sale, plus HST, which Solomon was collecting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SETTLEMENT

When Bruce Bailey received Evan Solomon's invoice, saying Solomon was entitled to payment of over $1 million, Bailey wrote back to Solomon. "I was deeply shocked to receive your invoice," he said.

Bailey and Solomon, with the help of legal counsel, worked on a settlement. Both contemplated legal action. Sources say Solomon settled for the $200,000.

Ex-CBC host Evan Solomon is seen in this photo. COURTESY CBC

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Stephen Harper had a brief audience with the Pope Thursday; Vladimir Putin got 50 minutes. ADRIAN WYLD /THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 minutes with Francis

VATICAN

Harper bashes Putin, doesn't invite the Pope to Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper raised the troubling findings of the residential schools commission during an unusually brief meeting with Pope Francis on Thursday.

But he stopped short of inviting the Pope to Canada to apologize.

Instead, Harper referred to a letter sent earlier in the week to the Vatican by his aboriginal affairs minister that merely notified the Holy See of the commission.

"Prime Minister Harper also drew attention to the letter sent by Minister (Bernard) Valcourt to the Holy See regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," Harper's office said without elaborating.

> **"Harper addressed ... his deep concern with Vladimir Putin's aggression.**
> Prime Minister's Office

Harper's 10-minute meeting with Pope Francis was surprisingly short by Vatican standards. Russian President Vladimir Putin had a nearly 50-minute private audience with the pontiff a day earlier.

The Vatican did not mention the residential schools issue among the topics discussed.

The prime minister instead chose to pursue the theme that has dominated his six-day trip to Europe: his condemnation of Putin.

"Prime Minister Harper addressed the situation in Ukraine and his deep concern with Vladimir Putin's aggression, occupation and violence in Ukraine," said his office.

Harper went into the meeting facing calls to use the occasion to secure a papal apology for the church's role in Canada's residential school legacy.

Perry Bellegarde, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, had said the meeting would be a "prime opportunity" for Harper to raise the issue.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which spoke to thousands of residential school students and documented their experiences, issued 94 recommendations last week that included a call for a papal apology on Canadian soil.

Bellegarde said a directly apology from the Pope "would be huge" and would help bring closure to those who suffered atrocities and abuses at the schools, many of which were run by the Roman Catholic Church.

Harper's visit to the Vatican came on the final day of his six-country European tour and exactly seven years after the prime minister issued his own apology in the House of Commons to residential school survivors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Judges end constables' jeans protest

Some judges in Montreal briefly refused to take to the bench Thursday after courthouse constables showed up wearing non-uniform pants.

Eighty Montreal courthouse constables who provide security in the building donned jeans or camouflage pants in a pressure tactic related to an ongoing battle with the provincial government over their collective agreement.

The magistrates were definitely not amused.

A union representative said constables assigned to courtrooms were told to wear jeans, but the judges ordered them to change, invoking decorum.

After about 20 minutes, constables assigned to courtrooms complied and changed back to their regular uniforms. But their colleagues monitoring the courthouse corridors remained in camouflage pants.

The constables are provincial government employees.

Thursday's controversy comes on the heels of one involving Montreal police officers who were criticized for wearing camouflage pants to former premier Jacques Parizeau's funeral this week.

The police officers have been wearing camouflage pants and red baseball caps since last year, protesting against the province's pension reforms.

The funeral protest prompted condemnation from Montreal's mayor and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, who said the provincial government intends to introduce measures this fall to ensure peace officers wear their uniforms.

"It's a question of respecting what they represent and they enforce the law," Justice Minister Stephanie Vallee said in Quebec City on Thursday. "They should dress properly." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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INHERITANCE

Homeless man gets back his $9,500

A South Florida homeless man has been reunited with an inheritance of nearly $10,000 in cash, stuffed into two envelopes, which he'd accidentally left on a bus bench.

A Broward County sheriff's deputy and a Good Samaritan found the cash and authorities were able to track the man down and return the money days later, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reports.

A relative had left the man nearly $12,000. Det. Danny Mursell said the man is being identified only by his first name, Joe, for his protection.

On June 1, the man withdrew nearly $10,000 from a bank account and went shopping, deputies said.

Mursell said Joe mistakenly left two plastic bags of merchandise along with the two envelopes full of cash on a bench at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

The man later realized he'd left the money and merchandise behind, "but he figured by the time he thought about going back to get it, it would be gone," Mursell added.

Early on June 4, John Harbett said he was on volunteer beach patrol looking for turtle hatchlings when he spotted an envelope containing $3,900 at the bus stop nearby.

A short time later, Deputy Ben Koos saw the bags of merchandise and found a second envelope with $5,600 inside.

Investigators found a receipt from a clothing store, got a surveillance picture of "Joe" from the store and tracked him down.

Mursell said the man expressed relief at recovering the money and said he planned to use the funds to relocate to Pennsylvania to be with family and friends.

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FIFA spokesman Walter De Gregorio, who resigned Thursday, gives a press conference in Zurich last month. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

FIFA official makes an abrupt exit

SOCCER

Top spokesman quits after Blatter urged to do the same

FIFA's top spokesman left his job on Thursday, hours after Sepp Blatter was urged to do the same by the European Parliament.

FIFA responded by announcing that its executive committee will meet on July 20 in Zurich to decide when the election to decide Blatter's successor should be held.

That meeting will also discuss how to reform FIFA after American and Swiss corruption investigations unleashed turmoil on the organization two weeks ago.

The latest upheaval saw communications director Walter De Gregorio, closely tied to the embattled president since 2011, abruptly exiting FIFA three days after telling a joke about soccer's governing body on a TV talk show.

Still, Blatter praised FIFA's handling of the ongoing corruption crisis in the organization's in-house magazine.

"FIFA is going through difficult times," Blatter said in an excerpt of his column released on Thursday.

"This makes me all the more proud that our organization runs smoothly in a crisis."

Blatter appeared to be referring to the smooth-running Under-20 and Women's World Cups in New Zealand and Canada.

On Monday, De Gregorio was a guest of host Roger Schawinski on German-language station SRF. Schawinski closed the show by asking the former sports and politics journalist to tell his favourite joke about FIFA.

De Gregorio set up the punchline by saying the FIFA president, himself and secretary general Jerome Valcke were in a car, so who was driving?

After a pause for the host to comment, De Gregorio gave the answer: "The police."

Earlier, lawmakers from 28 European nations meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted on a resolution calling for Blatter to speed up his announced resignation and let FIFA appoint an interim leader.

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The chain, owner of various grocery and Shoppers Drug Mart stores across the country, announced Thursday it aims to remove triclosan and phthalates, along with microbeads from all of its Life and President's Choice products by the end of 2018.

Loblaw president Galen Weston said the decision was made as "emerging science and public opinion suggest a measured move away from some specific ingredients is prudent."

All three ingredients have faced increasing global scrutiny for their impact on the environment and possible negative effects on humans.

Triclosan is found in antibacterial soaps and body washes, toothpaste and some cosmetic products and is thought to contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Phthalates are a family of chemicals used to add fragrance to products that include body lotions and nail polishes, and to make plastics more flexible. There are concerns they may interfere with the body's endocrine and reproduction systems.

Microbeads are bits of plastic commonly used in facial and body scrubs but are so tiny they can't be filtered out by water-treatment systems and end up in lakes and rivers where they wind up killing fish.

While Loblaw says it could take three and a half years to phase out the ingredients completely, work has already begun and products with the chemicals and microbeads will diminish month by month, spokesman Kevin Groh said in an email.

"Our long-term deadline respects the task this will represent for our vendors. But, if our ambition is any indicator, 2018 is a conservative target," he said.

"In other words, we hope that the list of PC and Life products with these ingredients will be very short, very soon."

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Loblaw Co. Executive President and Chairman Galen Weston speaks at the company's annual general meeting in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Health conference city's first of the season

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Olympic-sized investment in the Vancouver Convention Centre is apparently paying off.

The first of four massive health conferences has descended on the city this week, with 10,300 delegates in town for the World Congress of Dermatology, one of the largest medical conferences to ever take place in the city.

It took seven years for local dermatologists and teams from the Convention Centre and Tourism Vancouver to land the contract, which is expected to contribute at least $35 million in direct spending to the city's hotels, restaurants and retailers.

It's prestigious meetings such as this that propelled Vancouver to the top of yet another ranking this spring as the top destination on the continent for international meetings, according to the International Congress and Convention Association.

"This validates the expansion of the convention centre, which was critical to our ability to go after these larger conferences internationally," said the centre's director of sales, Chris Gowe.

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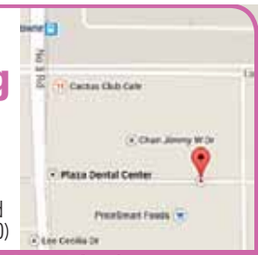

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON COMEDY AND COLLEGES

Anyone who thinks political correctness hasn't bettered society is retar— really dumb.

I'd like to clarify that the following opinions are those of one white, heterosexual, cisgendered, female comedian who triple-checked her privilege before writing this piece.

During an ESPN Radio interview this week, Jerry Seinfeld shared his view that college crowds are too politically correct to enjoy standup, and when asked if PC culture was hurting comedy, he answered, "Yes, it does." The Internet got so angry it almost seemed like calling people politically correct was, in itself, politically incorrect.

He sounded like a cranky old man who was out of touch. Not for having those thoughts — I'm a standup comic and I have thoughts like that all the time — but for telling people you have those thoughts! Just do like I do: smile and nod and pretend to know what intersectional feminism is.

But yeah, PC buzz-kills can really bring a show down.

Doing standup is hard. You need humour, logic, timing and instinct and you're juggling all those things at once. Throwing political correctness into the mix might make you juggle faster or concentrate harder, but it shouldn't make you drop everything.

I once started a joke by saying, "You know when you're living with a guy ..." and a woman from the audience yelled out, "No, because I live with a woman." I can only assume her point was: don't presume that your heterosexual experience represents everyone in this room. The thing is, I wasn't assuming the entire crowd was heterosexual — I was assuming that most of the crowd had at one time or another cohabited with another human. Do I have to start every sentence with, "You know when you're living with a man or a woman or a dog or a finger puppet?"

This woman was annoying because she was looking to take issue with something I said, as if she were an eggshell just waiting to be stepped on: "Ha! You broke me!"

And to Seinfeld's point, I feel like there may be more of those people around these days. Does political correctness hurt comedy? No, people hurt comedy.

I have to remind myself that when I first started doing standup in the year 2000, I'd frequently hear audience members whisper, "Oh no, a woman" when I got on stage.

Thanks to political correctness, I never hear that today, and if I did I could probably get the person who uttered it fired from their job! Ha ha… no, seriously.

Anyone who thinks that political correctness hasn't bettered society is probably retar— really dumb.

That said, could everyone chill the eff out? Like, a little?

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.

Happy face/Sad face

From **the camel family** to **Santa scandals**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Twin victories for Haiti babies

The first conjoined siblings ever successfully separated in Haiti left the hospital this week. A team led by Haiti-born surgeon Dr. Henri Ford performed the highly risky procedure on six-month-old sisters Marian and Michelle Dave-Nouche, who were born joined at the abdomen. Ford has been returning to Haiti from the U.S. regularly since the 2010 earthquake. The girls are triplets. Their sister Tamar was not conjoined.

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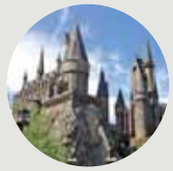


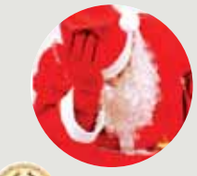
Oh say, can you see, a wizarding school

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling revealed on Twitter this week that a 2016 spinoff movie, titled Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, will feature a wizarding school on this side of the pond. The three magical academies in the Harry Potter novels are all located in Europe. The new school, whose location is TBA, will feature "indigenous magic" as an important subject, Rowling said.

SOURCE: CBC.CA

Canadian camels crack DNA mystery

Buried in the Yukon frost, locked in some ancient DNA, was the key that would rearrange the camel family tree. For decades, scientists thought ice-age camels found in Klondike gold fields were most related to llamas. But new genetic results from fossils near Dawson City confirm they were actually much more like the Asian camels of today. SOURCE: CBC.CA



Ho, ho, out of control

Even Santa doesn't travel as fast as a lie. In 2013, Robert and Iwona Woch dressed up as Santa and his helper in Ustrzyki Dolne, Poland. Their horse, spooked, crashed their carriage and threw them onto the street. A news agency stole a social-media photo, added fake quotes, and soon the Daily Mail and others ran it with headlines like, "DUI in a sleigh? Santa's ... drunken ride." The Wochs — just now speaking out — say their reputations are ruined. SOURCE: BUZZFEED

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Most Canadians have a handful of journalists they trust

Well, thanks for nothing, Evan.

There were Amanda Lang, Peter Mansbridge, Rex Murphy, Leslie Roberts and, on a whole different level, Jian Ghomeshi.

And if Canadians were looking for another reason not to trust journalists — maybe CBC celebrities in particular — you gave it to them.

But while disappointing, your grossly unethical art dealing isn't as nearly upsetting to me as if it had been committed by, say, the likes of Anna-Maria Tremonti.

She represents, far more than you, the journalism that most of us strive for.

That journalism, for the record, is dogged (like the pursuit of Rob Ford) and selfless (like reporting from an Ebola-hit country).

It's about conveying as honest a reflection as we can gather of the world as it is, and guarding against our biases. It's about direct questions, and demanding full answers, the way you hear interviewers ask the same question over and over until they get an explanation.

It's about, increasingly, patience when trying to pry information from governments via Access to Information requests. It's about offering a platform to the most voiceless among us, as Maclean's did last week for indigenous women to speak about sexual assault.

It's about curiosity for every aspect of this bizarre world, from the impacts of technology to the future of food cultivation, from the collisions of religious and racial groups in our communities to the mindset of ISIL leaders.

It is about reporters who develop sources to get a story, not make friends. It's about reporters who respect and, when necessary, protect sources, not tap them for business deals (many reporters won't even let you buy them a cup of coffee).

In case there's any confusion, it's about scrutinizing power brokers on the Hill, not asking them to dinner. (In fact, some political reporters won't even attend the Press Gallery dinner or other swanky Ottawa parties to avoid even the suggestion of cosying up to the people they report on.)

It's true, we're not ranked highly by Canadians, only 63 per cent of whom respected us in 2012 (up, surprisingly, from 49 per cent in 2008).

CBC News editor-in-chief Jennifer McGuire is worried "that any ethical lapse reflects badly on the entire profession."

But I believe most Canadians have at least a handful of journalists they very much trust and who they would never confuse for you, Evan Solomon.

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Pratt serves up Hollywood hits

STARDOM

From waiting tables at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. to stardom

IN FOCUS
Richard Crouse

As Dave Edmunds once warbled, "From small things, baby, big things one day come."

In Hollywood right now no one is bigger than Chris Pratt. His films Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie were two of the top five grossing hits of last year and Jurassic World is pegged to light up the box office with an estimated $100 million take this weekend.

Esquire has declared him "awesome" and The Guardian noted "there's a lot of love for Chris Pratt right now." He has momentum, the kind of Hollywood heat that gets your name mentioned as the lead in every big movie, including the proposed reboot of Indiana Jones. In fact, some label him the next Harrison Ford.

The hype swirling around the affable 35-year-old actor places him at the top of the Hollywood ladder, but it certainly wasn't always that way. A scan of the early credits on IMDB does not point toward superstardom.

Pratt is a box office boon and Hollywood's leading man. CASEY CURRY/AP

Guest spots on the short-lived bounty hunter series The Huntress and a third lead in the so-little-seen-it-doesn't-even-have-a-Rotten-Tomatoes-rating action film The Extreme Team seem positively high profile compared to his first credit.

Pratt was working as a waiter at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant in Maui when actress Rae Dawn Chong came in for lunch.

She happened to be in the midst of casting Cursed Part 3, a short horror satire about a director who tries to convince his actors and crew not to flee when a mysterious killer visits the set.

Pratt was living with a group of friends in a van, doing standup comedy and community theatre when he approached the Quest for Fire star.

As Pratt recalls: "I said, 'I know you. You're a movie star, right?' She said, 'You're cute. Do you act?'"

Chong thought he'd be a good fit for the part of "a beautiful kid to play the Brat, an actor who complains out loud about having to make out with an older actor, played by Donna Mills."

The film was set to roll in five days and after a quick audition, Chong offered Pratt a plane ticket to California and the role of Devon.

"I had far more confidence than capability at the time," he says, "but I knew I could do it."

Shot next door to Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch, Cursed Part 3 isn't much of a movie, but Pratt made $700 for his debut, money he invested in a car so he could drive to auditions.

"I went from waiting tables in Maui to waiting tables in Beverly Hills," he says of Cursed Part 3, "but with a little bit of movie experience under my belt."

The film was a stepping stone to bigger and better jobs, including the role that made him a star, Pawnee City Hall shoe-shiner Andy Dwyer on Parks and Recreation.

Movie stardom was harder to come by. Losing blockbuster roles like Avatar's Jake Sully and Captain James Kirk of the rebooted Star Trek was discouraging, but he was determined to act.

"People have to work," he says. "I just don't want it to be at a restaurant."

With big-budget movies on the way like the proposed sci-fi adventure Passengers with Jennifer Lawrence and an all-star remake of The Magnificent Seven, it doesn't look like he'll have to dust off the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. uniform again any time soon.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Jurassic World ★★★★
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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Jurassic Park and My Dinner with Andre released in the same week. How is a girl to choose?

Who would've thought? My Dinner with Andre and Jurassic World — together! Finally!

The Criterion Collection Blu-Ray of My Dinner with Andre is released on June 16 and Jurassic World, starring Chris Pratt, hits theatres on June 12.

How is a girl to choose?

The 1981 Louis Malle-directed film starring Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory may have been the most boring movie I'd ever seen as a teenager. But my dad would invite me to watch it with him almost annually.

Finally, in my mid-20s, it clicked. Now I make a point of revisiting Wally and Andre as they converse about the stuff of life — love, death, money, career — over the course of an Upper West Side restaurant dinner, starting with potato soup for Wally and fish pâté for Andre, followed by quail with raisins for both.

Jurassic Park, however, was love at first sight when I saw it in 1993. There were repeat viewings on VHS but one in particular stands out above the rest.

It was with a group of fellow McMaster students.

One woman, foreshadowing the director's DVD commentary, insisted on narrating the film.

Near the end she pointed out that a velociraptor couldn't open a door.

"No s—, Sherlock," I quietly whispered. "It's a movie. About dinosaurs living among us."

THE MOVIE: Jurassic Park

THE MEAL: Stuffed Peppers

My partner Simon was only 10 years old when Jurassic Park came out. To him, it's quintessential Steven Spielberg, like Jaws, E.T., and Raiders of the Lost Ark are for me.

The result is that he still knows the lines. Every line, which I found out the other night when we watched it during a dinner of peppers stuffed with ground beef, rice, garlic and tomatoes and topped with Parmesan and fresh basil.

He also provided commentary, including: "Why aren't we eating mastodon steaks right now? Or at least mammoth burgers."

None of it — including the 15 times he paused the movie to say a line before a character did — compared to the woman who couldn't suspend her disbelief long enough to enjoy what is still a fantastic film.

"Things don't affect people the way they used to," laments Andre to his old friend over dinner. "I mean it may very well be that 10 years from now people will pay $10,000 in cash to be castrated just in order to be affected by something."

Eating my peppers, 24 years after their meal of words, I'm pleased that Andre's prediction remains unrealized. The art of storytelling, whether it's the "wonderfully odd" My Dinner with Andre or a Hollywood reboot of a much-beloved franchise, still deeply affects us.

The rest, as my dad likes to say, is just Buicks and grocery bills.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

BACK TO TV

Bradley Cooper returns to small screen as producer

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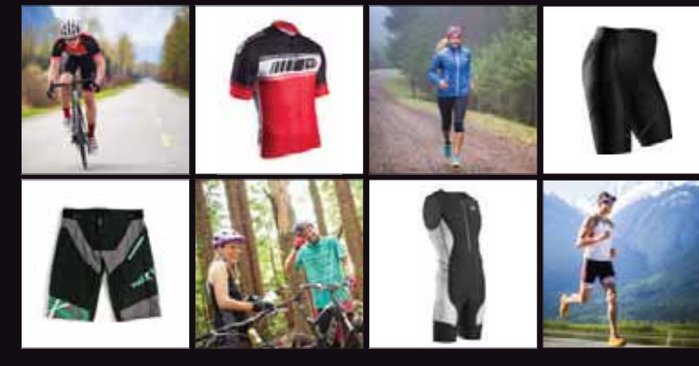

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‘We want to see predators eat’

INTERVIEW

Hollywood’s leading man does battle with dinos

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By now you’ve probably seen the trailers teasing how the character Chris Pratt plays in Jurassic World has been training deadly velociraptors to follow his commands. Well it turns out that in real life, Pratt would go for something a lot smaller and less deadly if he were to have a pet dinosaur.

If you were to actually have a dinosaur of your own, which one would it be?
I’d probably want something that wouldn’t kill me. And it would have to be small. Maybe in The Lost World, those ones that are like little rats? The little tiny guys? One of those, maybe two.

The only lingering question I had, which comes from the first movie, is why would you bring back raptors?
I was a collector of reptiles as a kid. I had frill-necked lizards, I had bearded dragons, I had iguanas, a savannah monitor, I had several snakes. I was big into it, all the way up until I was about 25 or something like that, I collected reptiles. And my favourite part was watching them eat. Whether they’re eating crickets or whether they’re eating mice or rats, I loved that.

It satisfied this urge inside of me, the animal inside of me. I loved watching a lizard eat a mouse. It was thrilling. So that’s why they made raptors, because we want to see giant predators eat.

Moustache acting is a very particular type of acting. How much does that alter your performance, having an impressive ’stache?
So much. Truly, really so much. Just like putting on a wardrobe or holding a prop ... when I look in the mirror and I’m seeing this guy with a moustache and a deeper tan than what I normally have, I’m just seeing a different person than who I am.

It doesn’t necessarily inform me how I’m going to be in terms of my soul, but it’s a mask and it’s a costume. If you’re wearing a mask it’s much easier for you to lower your inhibitions and not care about how people are perceiving you because they’re not really looking at you.

On a similar level, your character is very cool, but how much of that do you think is just because of the motorcycle?
The motorcycle gets all the credit (laughs). There’s certainly a part of that. It’s a nice motorcycle, it’s a really great motorcycle.

CHRIS PRATT PLAYS FRANCHISE BINGO

Chris Pratt already has Jurassic World, Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie to keep him busy, but what if we could plug him into any number of other franchises? We let Pratt decide where he’d fit in best across the Hollywood universe. NED EHRBAR

1

Star Wars
“I would be, like, a disgruntled Stormtrooper who’s always had a strong belief and faith in the Empire, like grew up a patriot of the Empire and now sees that the Empire is run by bad guys. I think that would be an interesting take on it.”

2

The Fast and the Furious
“I would play an auto mechanic who is the first one to be able to fix computers in new cars the way people used to be able to fix carburetors in old cars. Like I could tune them all by ear. You don’t have to plug anything in. I could fix a computer with just a soldering iron and a stethoscope.

3

X-Men
“I would be a man whose special skill is his skull is made of adamantium, but the rest of his body is just normal, so he, like, head-butts things as a parlour trick but is essentially pretty useless when it comes to fighting. I wear body armour, but no helmet. His mutant name would be Numbskull.”

4

James Bond
“I would be James Bond, but with an Essex accent. I would be like a super-campy Essex James Bond who’s just a piece of s—. Just trashy. He just sucks at his f—ing job.”

5

Star Trek
“I guess I’d have to be Captain Kirk’s son, Kirk Kirk. Kirk Cameron Kirk.”

6

Twilight
“I would play a version of Frankenstein who’s completely incapable — just like Frankenstein — of any real feelings of emotion or amorous love, but still has a ton of really intense sex scenes.”

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Western with a Kiwi spin

AMERICAN WESTERN

Slow West director tests status quo in New Zealand

Steve Gow
For Metro

Michael Fassbender and 18-year-old Kodi Smit-McPhee star in Slow West, a coming-of-age American Western filmed in New Zealand. A24 FILMS/TNS

Slow West may be the unlikeliest American western ever made. If nothing else, it's probably the only western ever filmed in New Zealand by a Scottish director with a German-born actor in the lead.

"I don't think I could have got more away from an American western starring Americans," laughed director John Maclean ahead of the film's theatrical release on Friday. In truth however, the first-time filmmaker's drama about a young Scottish immigrant unwittingly escorted by an outlaw (Michael Fassbender) is more authentic than most Hollywood westerns.

"It felt like I had an angle to go in on that was slightly more personal to me," said Maclean, after exhaustively researching the immigrant experience of the 1800s. "I could do something that was a bit more of a coming-of-age or love story or something else that meant that it wasn't just a western."

The addition of Fassbender surely elevates the film beyond "just a western" as well. One of Hollywood's hottest names, the X-Men star has been an unlikely collaborator with Maclean ever since first stumbling upon the Scottish director's experimental short films through a mutual agent.

"Michael saw something in them even though they had zero budget and (were) ambitious blood-spurting, samurai stuff," said Maclean. While the former musician (he was a member of acclaimed 90's act, The Beta Band) insists he would've made Slow West regardless of Fassbender's involvement, he accepts it wouldn't have been the Sundance Prize-winner it became without the actor.

"The scriptwriting had to be good," said Maclean. "You can't turn up with some half-arsed script because he's getting every script in Hollywood on his table so it means you really have to step up your game."

Maclean also realizes that Fassbender instantly improved the film's performances as well. Having earned an Oscar nomination as a sadistic master in 12 Years a Slave, Fassbender is truly one of cinema's contemporary greats – an attribute not lost on Maclean.

"He prepares relentlessly and covers all bases," said Maclean. "(But it's) his natural ability to understand that specific relationship between him and the camera which is kind of a gift. It's like footballers – their gift is playing football. It's just like that."

DIRECTOR'S TAKE

On filming in NZ:
"(It) was a case of shooting during the summer in New Zealand or winter in Colorado," said Maclean. "I somehow imagined people would never find out (but) people have really latched on to it... you just hope it doesn't get in the way of the story."

On similarities to Ingmar Bergman's Shame:
"That was the film I gave the two actors," said Maclean. "(Slow West's) characters felt like those two characters in Shame. The shame in the original Bergman film is the shame of masculinity and the man is hopeless and the woman is frustrated by his hopelessness."

On his favourite scene:
"On this film it was just such a pleasure, but I've always loved shooting," said Maclean. "It wasn't stressful in the slightest. I could've kept going. I'd wake up and have that moment where I'm like, 'Oh yeah! I'm shooting a film!" STEVE GOW

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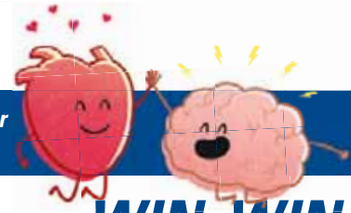
The Hyundai your Heart wants  *has a clearout price your Brain will love too.*

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Laverne Cox and Lea DeLaria in season 3 of Orange is the New Black, premiering on Netflix June 12. JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX

Cox says Season 3 goes for the gut

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

Actress was moved by new storylines, in awe of writers

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

Laverne Cox is desperate for Friday's premiere of the third season of Orange is the New Black to go ahead and get here already, if only so that she can finally talk about the new plot developments.

"I just want people to see it so we can really go into it," says Cox, who has — understandably — been sworn to secrecy since filming the latest batch of episodes wrapped a few months ago.

Lucky for us, she is at least willing to tease a little bit of information.

"The third season was my favourite of all three seasons to shoot," she says. "I think we just got deeper into who Sophia is, what makes her tick. I got to do some stuff that I've never gotten to do before that I've always wanted to do on camera."

But it's not just the trajectory of her character, Sophia, that had her so impressed.

"Just the stories hit me in my gut, every single one. Every script I read I would just sit in my apartment — or on a plane, I was on a lot of planes — just being so moved to my core," Cox says. "There was one episode where I was like, 'OK this is really serious. This is bigger than me.' I have to really honour the story, and you have to connect with something bigger than you. That's what it's really all about."

> **"There was one episode where I was like, 'OK this is really serious. This is bigger than me.'**
> Laverne Cox

While we can only guess — for now — what that episode is all about, it's good to know that Cox shares a desire familiar to a lot of fans of the series. "I've told (series creator) Jenji (Kohan) I want to be in the writers' room, but that's never going to happen," Cox says. "I would just love to see how they do it. Are there cards or something? Just in terms of all these characters and keeping them organized and keeping the stories weaving together? That is my dream, to get in there. Eventually, eventually."

With its much-anticipated third season in the offing and plenty of critical success and awards love, Cox feels confident in doing a little back-patting, especially given how Netflix and binge-watching have changed viewers' approach towards TV.

"It was 2013 when we premiered. Things have changed a lot in terms of the culture, and I love that we're kind of at the forefront of it," she says.

With a mostly female cast including an impressive number of women of colour, the show is also at the forefront of the changing face of TV, something Cox is happy to see happening — but under one condition.

"An unprecedented number of pilots this pilot season had 'minority' actors — I hate that word — actors from different racial and ethnic backgrounds, which is great, but it's so weird," she says.

"My whole thing is just that I don't like the idea of it being a trend because trends come and go. I like the idea of it being a real change that happens where we see the real diversity of this country represented on television."

Veiled in Dark Matter

INTERVIEW

New sci-fi series offers plenty of mystery, even for its cast

Ten years after Melissa O'Neil won Canadian Idol, she's back on TV, this time starring on the new Space series Dark Matter.

It's uncharted territory, admits the Calgary-bred singer,

"I've learned so much and I feel so fulfilled creatively," she says. "I'm really savouring every bit of it."

The Toronto-shot series centres on the crew of a derelict spaceship who awaken with no memories of who they are or how they got there.

She plays Two, who emerges as the tough and determined leader of the group. Then there's Three, played by Anthony Lemke, a mercenary who only looks out for himself.

The series was created by Joseph Mallozzi and Paul Mullie, also behind the Dark Matter graphic novel and the Stargate franchise. Before the show's premiere Friday, O'Neil and Lemke chatted about set secrets, spaceships and sing-a-long sci-fi.

How much did you know as filming unfolded? Were you as in the dark as the characters are?

Lemke: When we started shooting, absolutely we were. We had read a number of episodes ahead as actors but one of the things that Joe and Paul did very, very well was keep secrets. Boy did they ever. Right up until the last episode of the show, the big cliffhanger. We literally had no idea how that was going to go until it was shot, on the last day of shooting.

How about you Melissa? Did not having a backstory make it hard to dig into your character?

O'Neil: I had this hunch about my character and I felt very strongly that if this was correct, I needed to know it. And Joe, Paul and I went out for dinner one night and I posed the question to them and I was quite adamant and forthcoming about how I felt that this was crucial information for me to know — if it did end up in fact being true — and they held their cards really close.

Anthony, what did you latch onto in playing Three?

Lemke: In a way he's a very simple guy on the surface. He's the guy who literally says exactly what he thinks all the time and damn the consequences.... He's an ends-justifies-the-means kind of guy ... the thing that gets us to survive until tomorrow is the right thing. You know, we've seen that type of character before in sci-fi. Han Solo is an easy reference, for sure, and that looking-out-for-number-one kind of dude is who Three is set up to be. And as with all the other characters, who he's set up to be is not his entire story.

Is the series confined to the ship?

O'Neil: We do get off the ship sometimes, we land on planets. But it is a ship-based show and what's exciting about that is we don't have that on television right now — a ship-based drama that's filled with a lot of humour as well.

I think audiences are going to be excited to return to that kind of a format. And our ship is incredible. It's absolutely fantastic when you look at it on screen.

I don't suppose there's going to be any singing?

Lemke: We tried hard! Honestly, we were campaigning with Joe to get a musical episode in there. I think we're going to have to wait until Season 3.

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Anthony Lemke and Melissa O'Neil star in Dark Matter, which premieres June 12. CONTRIBUTED

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Breaking into the Wolfpack

INTERVIEW

Doc follows six brothers who lived childhood through movies

Steve Gow
For Metro

The Angulo brothers, from left, Narayana, Govinda, Jagadisa, Bhagavan, Mukunda and Krsna in The Wolfpack. Inset: Director Crystal Moselle. COURTESY MAGNOLIA PICTURES; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

Every once in a while, a film comes along that proves truth is stranger than fiction.

The Wolfpack is one of those movies. Shot over four years by director Crystal Moselle, the Grand Jury Prize winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival follows six brothers who grew up in a tiny Manhattan apartment that their father forbade them to leave. There, the siblings were socialized solely through Hollywood movies — which they soon began recreating word by word.

Metro caught up with Moselle to find out how she broke into the wolfpack and discovered the incredible story.

You met the Angulo brothers on the street but how soon did they open up about their quarantined upbringing?
They were pretty open (but) I'm a very optimistic, open person so I wasn't really looking for darkness. There was nothing that alarmed me once I got into their house. They just had this all this incredible art everywhere and it took about a year and a half before I started interviewing them (and one of them) revealed some stuff that started to peel away the layers.

Why did you take such a neutral approach with regards to their father?
I don't believe there's a good and evil. There's many shades to somebody. He might not outright say it, but I know that he feels some remorse for what happened in the past. I feel like there's a lot of room for people to read into what's happening and I don't have to straight-out say it.

What did you think when you first saw the brothers' film recreations?
They told me, "We do that movie JFK," and I was like, what does that even mean? When I first met them, they were (re-enacting) Platoon inside the fountain in Washington Square Park. They were in all their clothes and going crazy. The thing is, they didn't film that many of their re-enactments. It was really just this process of becoming these characters and living through them.

Well, they are certainly good actors.
They are amazing. I mean, their method is funny because they have to relive scenes exactly how it is in movies. If you gave them a script of a movie, they'd be like, 'No, no, it has to be exactly like the movie."

The Wolfpack opens in theatres beginning June 12.

The Angulos re-enacting scenes from movies. INSTAGRAM: THEWOLFPACKFILM

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HORROR

Insidious: Chapter 3

Director: Leigh Whannell
Starring: Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott

This chilling prequel reveals how gifted psychic Elise Rainier reluctantly agrees to use her ability to contact the dead in order to help a teenage girl who has been targeted by a dangerous supernatural entity.

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TRAVEL ALBERTA

1 Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alta.

The motherlode of dinosaur fossils in Canada is in Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta's Badlands. This arid landscape of hoodoos was once the shore of the Bearpaw Sea, where ancient creatures thrived. Fossils are so abundant that you can find them virtually everywhere. A trip to the park is best coupled with a visit to the world-class Royal Tyrrell Museum in nearby Drumheller.

KEVIN SHARMAN

2 Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark, B.C.

In 2000, two boys found dinosaur footprints in the rock near this small town in northeastern British Columbia's Peace River district. Their find led to further discoveries of dinosaur bones and footprints. Visitors can sign up for tours to see the trackways and can visit the local museum that houses dinosaur skeletons and displays.

JOGGINS FOSSIL CLIFFS

3 Joggins Fossil Centre, N.S.

The highest tides in the world erode the cliff face along the beach in Joggins, N.S., on the Bay of Fundy, slowly revealing a treasure trove of fossils from the Carboniferous Period. Among the finds are some of the first reptiles to roam the Earth. Visitors can view fossils in the site's museum and tour the beach to see recent finds in the cliff face.

MATHIEU DUPUIS

4 Parc de Miguasha, Que.

Along the southern shore of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula lies the Parc national de Miguasha. The scenic provincial park preserves a natural heritage site that is rich in fossils from the Devonian Period, a time known as the Age of Fishes. Fossils on display at the impressive visitors' centre include plenty of fearsome-looking fish, but also some of our planet's first plant and air-breathing animals as life moved from water to land.

GREG HUSZAR PHOTOGRAPHY

5 T-Rex Discovery Centre, Sask.

Scotty is the name of the first Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton unearthed in Saskatchewan. His 65-million-year-old bones and those of other Cretaceous creatures are on display at the T-Rex Discovery Centre in Eastend. This state-of-the-art centre operated by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum also houses a display of fossils from the post-dinosaur period. Visitors can also tour a quarry to see fossils or join day-dig programs.

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The valley stretches out in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, Alta. LOREN CHRISTIE

Revered valley draws campers

ALBERTA

Hiking, river, rock art await in Badlands park

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

Alberta's Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park is home to the largest concentration of rock art on the North American Plains and is as sacred to the local Blackfoot tribes as Mecca is to Muslims.

The destination: The park sits on the southern edge of the Canadian Badlands, a 20-minute drive from the border with Montana.

A hike through the hoodoos, rusty-coloured sandstone rock eroded into giant mushrooms, feels otherworldly. Paddling or floating down the Milk River, which runs through the park, offers visitors an incredible view of this revered valley.

But the highlight of any visit is a guided hike. Hundreds of paintings (pictographs) and thousands of rock carvings (petroglyphs) on the steep valley walls tell the story of the Blackfoot people over thousands of years. As a culture that relies on oral tradition to survive, it was fascinating to hear our guide, Deserae Yellow Horn, interpret the scenes played out on the rock faces as told to her by generations of Blackfoot elders and relatives. She also explained the valley is sacred because it is home to the spirits of her ancestors who communicate with those inhabiting the living world through the rock art.

The accommodation: Camping in the park is the only option, but it got a whole lot more comfortable this year with the introduction of three comfort camping sites.

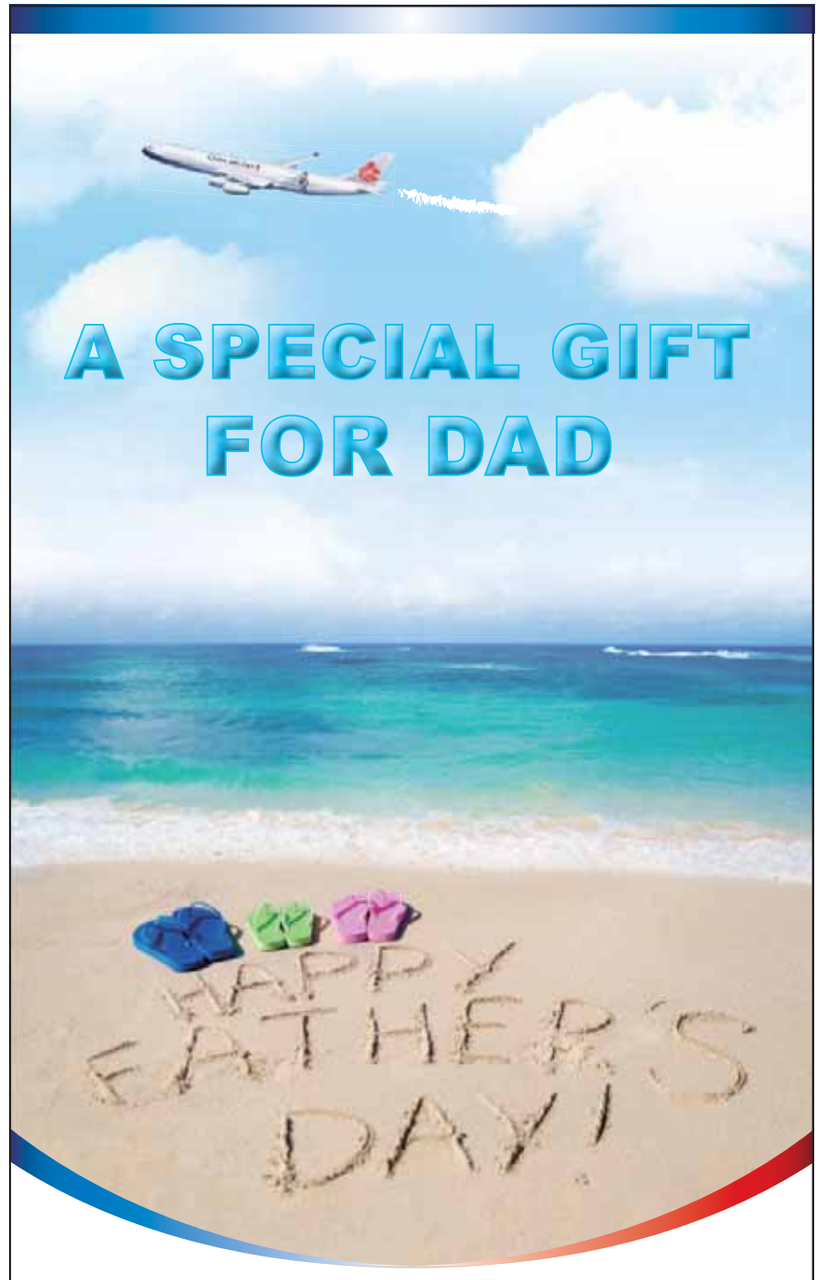
Built on wooden platforms, the canvas-tented structures provide all the necessities of home: a fridge and fan, pots and pans, and a bed with pillows and linens. It's a great option for people who prefer their creature comforts or for travellers who want to incorporate a little outdoors into their vacation without having to lug along all the equipment.

A gas barbeque and fire pit made it easy to create barbecued shrimp kabobs. Watching the sun set over the hoodoos while we ate was also a bonus.

The journey: The park is about a three and a half hour drive south of Calgary, but I recommend a pit stop at the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale. Owned and operated by Colin Weir for the last 25 years, this rehabilitation centre is home to a variety of hawks, owls and even ducks.

In addition to watching a flying demonstration starring Lincoln the bald eagle, visitors are invited to feed, bathe and hold some of the birds. I even managed to share a kiss with a burrowing owl.

Rock carvings tell the Blackfoot people's story. LOREN CHRISTIE



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The Sensoji is a Buddhist temple built in the 7th century. SHUTTERSTOCK PHOTOS

TOKYO

While exploring Tokyo's hyper-urban landscape, it's easy to forget the city's ancient past. Head to the old riverfront district of Asakusa, where you can get a sense of old Tokyo with its kabuki theatres and kimono shops.

The big attraction here is the Sensoji, a Buddhist temple built in the 7th century, where you will see devotees burning incense and, if you are lucky, hear the sounds of chanting monks and beating drums.

To reach the temple, you will pass under the Kaminarimon Gate to find yourself on Nakamise, one of the oldest market streets in Japan. If you are on the lookout for souvenirs, keep an eye out for Japanese clogs, folding fans and folk art crafts.

Or sample some local snacks such as agemanju, steamed cake with a sweet filling (such as red bean, sesame or pumpkin paste), coated in tempura batter and deep-fried. Sip sweet, cool green tea in the summer and warm sake in the winter.

Take a break from the crowds and head to a nearby onsen (public bath) for a dip in one of Tokyo's many natural hot springs. In Asakusa, try Jakotsuya, an oasis of serenity with a ceramic-tile mural of Mt. Fuji reminiscent of Edo period art.

Continue stepping back in time at Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine in the middle of a forest (in the middle of the city). Shinto is an ancient religion deeply rooted in the traditional way of Japanese life. After passing under a massive torii gate made of 1,500-year-old cypress, you will find yourself in a tranquil forest among 100,000 trees.

Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden.

Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine.

Osaka Castle.

A trip to Tokyo would be remiss without a visit to a traditional Japanese garden. Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden is one of the city's best with ponds, bridges and manicured shrubs. Or Hama-rikyu, which was once a feudal lord's retreat back in the Edo period, offers an old-style teahouse, peony field and grove of plum trees.

Do you feel like shopping? Shinjuku is one of Tokyo's largest shopping and entertainment districts, with major department stores and underground shopping arcades. Harajuku offers two distinctly differently streets: Omotesando is a tree-lined boulevard known as Tokyo's Champs-Elysees; while Takeshita Dori attracts a younger, counter-culture crowd.

To experience Tokyo, though, you must experience the cuisine. Here, sushi is taken to a whole other level. For casual fare, try a standing noodle bar, or head to an izakaya, which serves beer and small plates of food such as kushiage — battered and deep-fried beef, chicken, pork, shrimp, or tuna on a stick.

Wash it all down with shōchū, the national spirit of Japan. This distilled spirit — made from barley, rice, sweet potatoes or buckwheat — outsells sake in Japan. To continue the festivities, wander the narrow alleyways of the Golden Gai nightlife district to meet locals or sing karaoke, or dance the night away in Roppongi.

OSAKA

Osaka is a destination often overlooked by travellers, but it's a gem waiting to be discovered. Dubbed "the nation's kitchen," Osaka is all about the food, and it's only a 30-minute local train ride (or 14 minutes on the bullet train) from Kyoto.

Once the centre of Japan's rice trade, Osaka is now a foodie's paradise, boasting Michelin-star restaurants, but is also known for its street food culture. Be sure to check out the stalls along the Dotonbori canal.

Regional street snacks include takoyaki (octopus fritters) and ikayaki (squid pancake); don't miss the famed okonomiyaki, a cross between an omelette and a pancake with meat, seafood or noodles.

Do you love sushi? Think outside the box with hakozushi — sushi in the shape of a square, rather than a roll. Unique to the Osaka region, the sushi is pressed flat in a bamboo box and uses ingredients that are either cooked or cured, such as sea eel, red snapper and poached shrimp. It's a piece of art you can eat.

Walk it off with a visit to Osaka Castle, a 400-year-old castle that has been repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt. It's also an urban oasis, surrounded by green space; Nishinomaru Garden features more than 600 cherry trees, a teahouse and views of the castle tower.

Or visit one of the city's many temples and shrines. The Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, built in the 3rd century, is one of the oldest Shinto shrines in Japan with a unique architectural style — considered purely Japanese — called Sumiyoshi-zukuri.

Then soak up some culture at the National Museum of Art (designed to resemble arching bamboo stalks) or the quirky Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum, dedicated to the ever-popular instant noodles.

Wander Tenjinbashisuji Shotengai, considered the longest shopping street in Japan, at which point you will be ready to crash at your ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn, and dream of what awaits tomorrow.

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Waterloo's bicentennial

BELGIUM

Town prepares to celebrate anniversary of historic battle

The little Belgian town of Waterloo is feverishly preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of one of history's greatest battles, hoping it can reclaim its name from a London railway station and an ABBA song.

Two centuries after it became famous as the place where "Napoleon did surrender" on June 18, the former farming village has become a sleepy suburb 25 kilometres south of the capital Brussels, with a population of 30,000.

But now its shop windows are full of pictures of the French emperor's famous two-horned hats and little Napoleons perched on white stallions, ahead of several days of celebrations this coming week.

After years of relative obscurity there is a feeling that Waterloo is finally facing its fate as a historic tourism draw.

"I've lived in Waterloo for 50 years and I've always known the story of Napoleon," retiree Antoine Delsemme said.

"But all this will attract people, it will make the town better known and that will profit the inhabitants, especially shop owners. That's very good."

While the battle is commonly known as Waterloo, the town itself was only the headquarters of the Duke of Wellington, who led the allied British and Prussian forces.

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Number of tons of straw provided for Waterloo, Belgium's Battle of Waterloo re-enactment. AFP

Most of the actual fighting in fact took place in neighbouring villages.

And it is there, several miles south of Waterloo on the plain of Mont-Saint-Jean, that the busiest preparations are underway for the commemorative events which are expected to draw around 200,000 people, a quarter of them foreigners.

A huge light-and-sound show called Inferno on June 18, and two days of battle re-enactments that follow on June 19 and 20 will take place in a huge bowl-shaped field full of tall grass.

For weeks, workers have been setting up stands that will seat around 50,000 spectators per day — more than the capacity of Belgium's national football stadium — with still more standing.

From the peak from where Wellington led the British troops, it is only a few hundred metres to the Hougoumont and de la Haie-Sainte farms where the allied troops made their most heroic and bloody stands against French forces. Also nearby is the Belle Alliance inn that Napoleon used as his headquarters.

The two colossal re-enactments — which will evoke the heat of a history-changing battle lasting a dozen hours, during which 45,000 people were killed or wounded — will involve 5,500 enthusiasts in period uniforms from 52 countries. Alongside them will be 100 cannon and 360 horses to lend authenticity. AFP

La Butte du Lion (The Lion's Mound), the main memorial monument of the Battle of Waterloo. FLICKR: ECKS ECKS

IN BRIEF

100,000 flock to One World Observatory

Well over 100,000 people have visited the observatory at One World Trade Center in less than two weeks. The attraction opened to the public May 29. Thirteen days later, a digital display in the building lobby that counts scanned tickets as visitors enter showed more than 106,000 people had come through. The observatory on the 100th, 101st and 102nd floors of the building provides panoramic views of New York City and the surrounding area.

Rock and roll your own at pot-friendly 'CannaCamp'

Colorado's 170-acre CannaCamp opening July 1 in Durango calls itself the U.S.' first cannabis-friendly ranch resort. Guests won't be given marijuana, because that violates state law. Instead, the resort allows guests to bring their own pot and use it while at the resort. In addition to horseshoes and hiking, guests are offered workshops on marijuana cultivation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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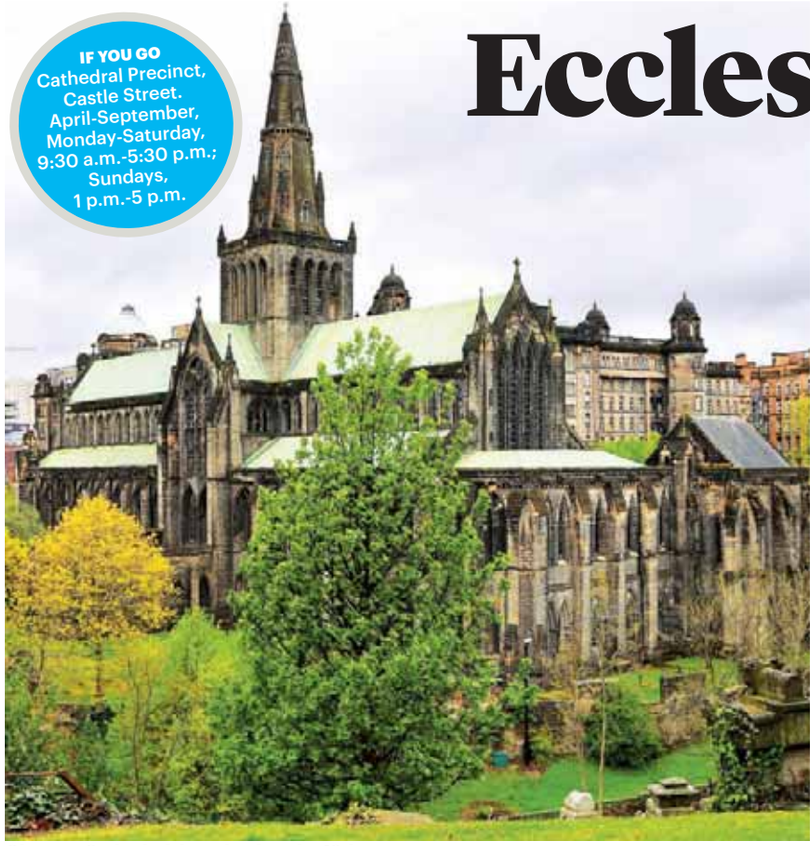

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Cathedral Precinct, Castle Street. April-September, Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Glasgow Cathedral dates back to the 13th century. MICHELLE LOCKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTLAND

Glasgow Cathedral delivers break from city life

The 18th-century writer Daniel Defoe called Glasgow "the dear green place" although it may not feel that way if you're caught up in the bustle of busy Sauchiehall Street or logging a long day of meetings in the merchant city.

But step into Glasgow Cathedral and you're transported to a hushed sanctuary that compels you to slow your stride and soak in the atmosphere of a medieval masterpiece that had already stood for hundreds of years by the time Defoe, best known as the author of Robinson Crusoe, visited.

Set near the city centre, the cathedral mostly dates from the 13th century, although the history of the spot as a sacred place goes back to the fifth century. The remains of Glasgow's patron saint, St. Mungo, are believed to be buried on the site. There are some interesting stained glass windows, including the great west window in the nave which shows the creation story from the Bible. Fragments of earlier buildings are on display in the lower church.

Admission is free, although donations are accepted, and volunteer guides can be found in the summer. Hit the church at just the right time and you may hear its celebrated choir practising.

Marvel at monuments

For even more serenity, cross the street to the Glasgow Necropolis, a 37-acre cemetery that is home to thousands of striking monuments arranged on a grassy, green hill. It's an ideal place to spend a couple of hours enjoying sweeping views of the city. The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis offers tours, but Ruth Johnston, chair of the volunteer Friends group, says the cemetery is also "a beautiful place just to walk around without knowing anything about it."

Highlights of the Necropolis include a monument to John Knox, the fiery reformation preacher considered the founder of the Presbyterian church (though his remains are actually buried in Edinburgh) and the "green man," a giant face sculpted on a grassy bank.

Knowing the back stories of past Glaswegians can add an extra fillip to your outing. Take the grave of William Harper Minnoch, marked with an ordinary family headstone but linked to a sensational story. Minnoch was the fiancé of notorious Glasgow socialite Madeleine Smith at the time she was accused of poisoning her lover, Pierre Emile L'Angelier in the mid-1800s. The ensuing trial ended in the Scottish verdict of "not proven," and Smith's culpability has intrigued crime fans ever since.

Also close by is the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art.

If all that spirituality leaves you feeling in need of mortal sustenance, the nearby Cathedral House Hotel has a bar and restaurant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada, New Zealand miss the mark in draw

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canucks produce many chances but fall short of 2nd win

GROUP A On Thursday

CANADA	NEW ZEALAND
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Canada settled for a 0-0 draw with New Zealand at the Women's World Cup on Thursday, unable to turn its edge in possession and scoring chances into maximum points.

The game had plenty of drama with a weather delay, a Canadian goal called back and both sides hitting the crossbar, with the woodwork denying a New Zealand penalty kick.

Inability to finish has been an issue for Canada, which needed a stoppage-time penalty kick from captain Christine Sinclair to dispatch China 1-0 in the tournament opener.

But this time there was no last-minute happy ending for the home team although Sinclair had several chances to end the deadlock, including an 85th-minute shot that went wide.

Still the single point all but assures Canada (1-0-1) of advancing to the second round, but the order of finish in Group A will go down to the wire.

The point was only the second at the World Cup for New Zealand. The first came four years ago when John Herdman, now Canada's coach, was at the Kiwi helm.

Canadian giveaways at the back suggested there is work to do. Better teams will punish such mistakes. Herdman took off centre back Lauren Sesselmann in the 68th minute, inserting veteran Carmelina Moscato.

Canada's Kadeisha Buchanan showed her defensive class with a key tackle in the 65th minute, poking the ball away as a New Zealand player slashed towards goal.

In Group A, Canada leads with four points, China and the Netherlands each have three and New Zealand has one.

The Canadians leave Friday for Montreal where they will wrap up pool play Monday against the Dutch at Olympic Stadium. New Zealand faces China the same day in Winnipeg.

The Canadians and New Zealanders warmed up in a downpour. The rain continued, and as thunder rumbled, the contest was halted in the fourth minute due to the threat of lightning.

The game resumed 30 minutes later under sunshine.

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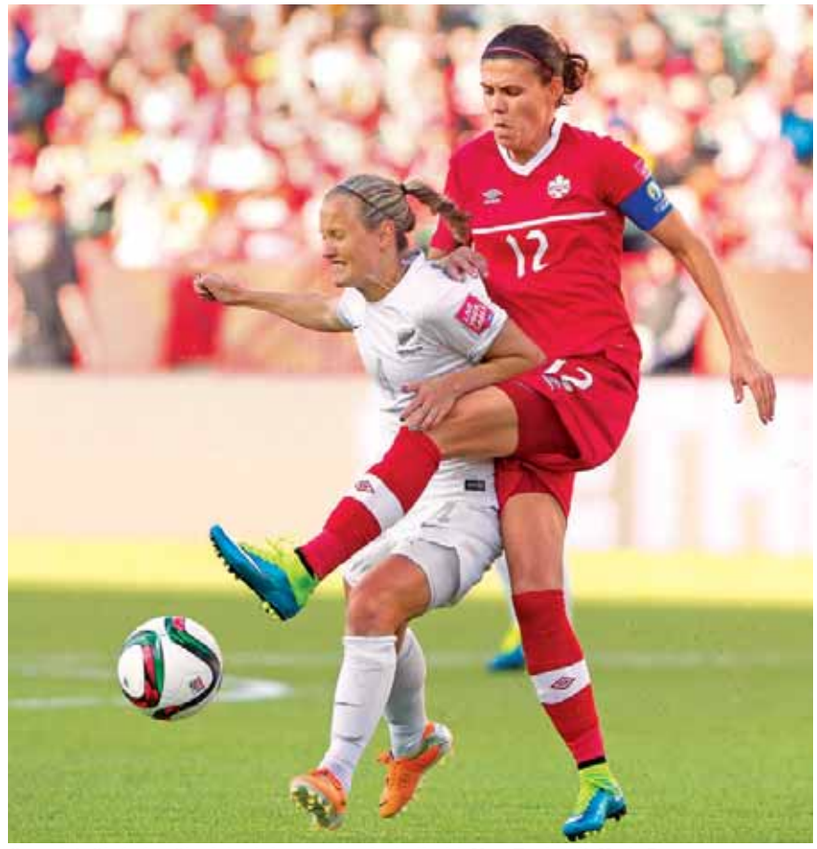

Canada's Christine Sinclair, right, vies for the ball with New Zealand's Katie Duncan at Commonwealth Stadium on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

GROUP C

Cameroon versus Japan is classic underdog scenario

It was a night of firsts for the Cameroon women's soccer team earlier this week.

Competing in its first-ever FIFA Women's World Cup, Cameroon scored the first goal — and five more times after that — against Ecuador on Monday at BC Place Stadium to earn its first win on such a stage. The three points also vaulted Cameroon temporarily to first place in Group C.

Cameroon, which lost all three of its matches at the 2012 Olympics by a combined scored of 11-1, now faces Japan, the defending Women's World Cup champions, at BC Place on Friday.

With raw athletic ability alone, Cameroon dominated an overmatched Ecuador side. Meanwhile, Japan worked the ball around with efficient passing and capitalized on a suspect call for a penalty kick in the first half.

Following Cameroon's win on Monday, coach Enow Ngachu talked about how nice it would be for his club to surprise other teams by perhaps qualifying for the second round.

"It is a dream come true playing against the champions," Ngachu told reporters Thursday. "It's going to be another experience for the Cameroon national team. It's going to be very tough but I think the best team will win tomorrow."

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‘Worlds collide’ for former Lion

CFL PRE-SEASON

Glatt to take in B.C. game at beloved UBC T-Bird Stadium

Cam Tucker
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Javier Glatt, a former B.C. Lion and UBC Thunderbird, is about to see two parts of his football life come together at his old stomping grounds of Thunderbird Stadium.

The Lions are scheduled to play the Edmonton Eskimos in their second and final pre-season game, which takes place June 19 on the David Sidoo Field at Thunderbird Stadium.

The Lions had to vacate BC Place Stadium with the FIFA Women’s World Cup in town.

Glatt, who played linebacker for seven seasons with the Lions after a stellar and decorated college career at UBC, has fond memories there. He’ll be able to add another next Friday.

“It’s definitely nostalgic to see the two ... worlds collide. I think it’s a great idea to capitalize on something that’s not ideal for the Lions,” said Glatt, who retired in 2011 following an eight-year CFL career that included a one-year stop with the Eskimos.

> **I think it’s a great idea to capitalize on something that’s not ideal for the Lions.**
> Javier Glatt

“I used to come here all the time to train. I really liked this place. I used to get kicked out most times by the person who ran the stadium, but I snuck in again and ran the stairs some more.”

On Thursday, the local CFL club released a limited amount of general admission tickets, with the hopes of reaching a capacity of 10,000 fans for the outdoor event.

The stadium, which has covered seating on the northeast side, typically holds about 3,100 people.

Fans will be able to sit on the berm that extends out beyond the seating area, as well as on the grass hill on the opposite side of the seating.

“We looked at the possibility of bringing seats in but it’s so expensive to bring in seats and justify that for a pre-season game is difficult,” Lions president and CEO Dennis Skulsky told reporters. “And I think it does take away from the atmosphere.”

The Lions will host their own tailgating party outside on the stadium grounds, but a UBC spokesperson told Metro that no private tailgating will be permitted.

NBA FINALS GAME 4

The Golden State Warriors’ Harrison Barnes goes up for a dunk on LeBron James during Gamed 4 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night in Cleveland. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Iggy outduels LeBron in Ohio

Andre Iguodala scored 22 points in a surprise start, Stephen Curry also had 22, and the Golden State Warriors finally slowed LeBron James in beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-82 to tie the NBA Finals at 2-2.

James was scoreless in the fourth quarter as Golden State pulled away and finished with 20 points, less than half the 41 he had been averaging.

Draymond Green rebounded from his poor play with 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists as the Warriors avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season. They will host Game 5 on Sunday night.

Timofey Mozgov finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds against the Warriors’ small lineup, but Matthew Dellavedova had just 10 on 3-of-14 shooting.

Andre Iguodala’s biggest role for Golden State has been defending LeBron James.

On Thursday, he was outscoring him. And, ABC analyst Jeff Van Gundy said, even outplaying him.

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Keith, Hedman emerge as front-runners for playoff MVP

The Blackhawks' Duncan Keith, left, and the Lightning's Victor Hedman have arguably been the best players in the championship series. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

When Jonathan Quick was a brick wall for the Los Angeles Kings in 2012, the Conn Smythe Trophy was undoubtedly his. The same went for the Boston Bruins' Tim Thomas in 2011.

"Thomas was outstanding," said Rick Bowness, an assistant coach for the 2011 Vancouver Canucks. "It was an automatic."

Now Bowness is an associate coach with the Tampa Bay Lightning and there's no automatic Conn Smythe winner in this Stanley Cup final against the Chicago Blackhawks. Goaltenders aren't among the front-runners, and each team's top scorers have been held down in the series.

Victor Hedman and Duncan Keith have been the most dominant players, and this will likely be the first year a defenceman wins the Conn Smythe since Scott Niedermayer in 2007. Only four have won it in the past 20 seasons.

"A lot of it has to do if you're scoring goals or if you're contributing offensively or you're a goaltender and you're preventing goals, I think people see you in a different way," 2002 Conn Smythe winner Nicklas Lidstrom said in a phone interview from Sweden. "When you're defending, you might end up preventing a goal by making a good defensive play.

"But goal-scorers or setting up goals, I think you get more recognition than what defence does."

Like Hedman and Keith, Niedermayer, Lidstrom, Scott Stevens and Brian Leetch had to be disproportionate difference-makers to win it. Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings probably had the best case since Niedermayer a year ago, but "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams got the Conn Smythe.

With the Cup final tied 2-2 going into Game 5 Saturday night, Jonathan Toews is still a strong candidate if the Blackhawks win and Tyler Johnson if the Lightning win.

But Keith and Hedman have been so good it would almost be an upset if neither won.

"You don't get to this stage without having elite goaltending, elite defencemen and elite forwards," Bowness said Thursday. "Duncan Keith, I love watching him play.

"Victor Hedman, I've never seen a guy six-foot-six, 230, skate like he does. He's dominant because of his size, his skating ability. He's definitely a No. 1."

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2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

Canada takes first leg lead versus Dominica

The Canadian men's soccer team downed Dominica 2-0 on Thursday in the first leg of a home-and-away series in the second CONCACAF preliminary round of qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Cyle Larin and Russell Teibert scored for Canada, which can advance to CONCACAF's third round of qualifying with a win, draw or one-goal loss in the second leg. "I think we played a very good game," said Canadian head coach Benito Floro. "We proposed that we would be serious in this game and to play Dominica with a lot of respect."

Larin opened the scoring in the fifth minute after receiving a through ball from Tosaint Ricketts in the right side of the box. Teibert doubled Canada's lead in the 64th minute on a penalty kick.

"It was very important to get an early goal and settle into the game and put them on the back foot early," said Larin. "It was good for us." Canada goalkeeper Milan Borjan was sent off in the 80th minute for deliberately handling a goal-bound shot outside the box after Julian de Guzman turned the ball over to give Dominica a breakaway.

Borjan, who will be suspended for the second leg, was replaced in goal Kenny Stamatopolous.

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THURSDAY in Dominica

CANADA	DOMINICA
2	0

IN BRIEF

Chile open Copa America with win over Ecuador

Arturo Vidal and Eduardo Vargas scored to give Chile a 2-0 win over Ecuador on Thursday in the opening match of the Copa America.

Vidal opened the scoring by converting a 63rd-minute penalty and Vargas sealed the victory in the 82nd, giving the hosts the early lead in Group A. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland routs Mariners

Colombian Giovanny Urshela hit his first major league home run in his big league debut, Shaun Marcum and his bullpen combined on a two-hitter and the Cleveland Indians beat the Seattle Mariners 6-0 on Thursday.

Urshela is 2 for 8 with three RBIs. He was called up from Triple-A Columbus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Braves pitcher Julio Teheran, left, and Padres' Matt Kemp are separated after Teheran hit Kemp with a pitch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Comeback win for Padres in fiery game

Yangervis Solarte hit a two-run single in the 11th inning, and the San Diego Padres beat the Atlanta Braves 6-4 Thursday following a benches-clearing incident and the ejection of manager Bud Black.

Players left dugouts in the first after Julio Teheran hit Matt Kemp with a 90 mph fastball. No punches were thrown and no one was ejected but Black was tossed later for arguing with umpires.

Craig Kimbrel, facing his former team for the second time in the series, earned his 15th save in 16 chances with a perfect 11th that included Andrelton Simmons' groundout and strikeouts by Christian Bethancourt and pinch-hitter. Atlanta's struggling bullpen, which began the day with a major league-worst 4.75 ERA, combined with Bethancourt to blow a 4-1 lead during San Diego's three-run eighth.

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THURSDAY in Atlanta

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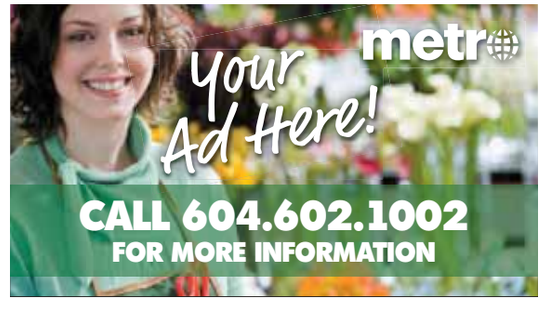

RECIPE Goat Cheese-Stuffed Burgers with Kale and Mushroom Sauté

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Serving burgers atop kale and mushrooms is a refined change.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- ¼ cup finely diced onion
- 3 Tbsp bread crumbs
- 3 Tbsp barbecue sauce or ketchup
- 2 oz soft goat cheese
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 cups diced white mushrooms
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups chopped leafy kale
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Combine beef, egg, garlic, onion, bread crumbs, barbecue sauce, salt and pepper. Pat into four burgers. Take 1½ oz cheese and divide into four pieces. With your fingers, make a hole in the middle of the burger and stuff with cheese. Cover well. Grill or bake the burgers at 375 F until fully cooked, about 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, add oil and onion and sauté for three minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for five minutes until mushrooms are cooked. Add kale and red pepper and sauté until soft, about three minutes. Add soy sauce, salt and pepper.
3. Place sauté on serving plate, top with burgers and garnish with remaining ½ oz goat cheese.

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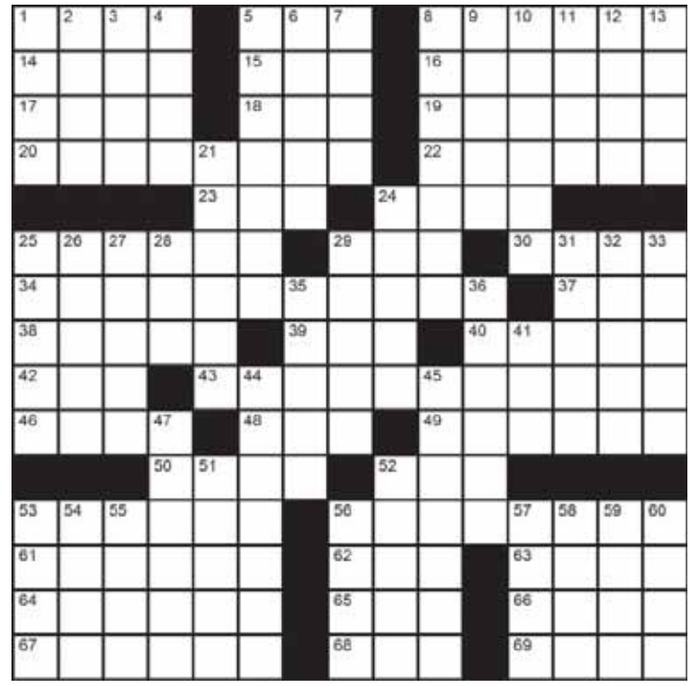
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Destiny
5. Typing stat.
8. Mr. Bumble's occupation
14. East-of-Toronto town
15. Royal officer, briefly
16. Area
17. Nitpick
18. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
19. Mr. Campbell of APTN dramedy "Mohawk Girls"
20. Queen's Birthday Parade aka __ the Colour
22. Preconceived notions
23. 'R' in CPR [abbr.]
24. Visionary
25. Singing legend Mr. Robinson
29. Computer's brain [acronym]
30. Spot
34. Lakefronts, country, nature... Canadian channel (also a magazine): 2 wds.
37. 1800s American writer
38. Church member, e.g.
39. Feline
40. Ms. Aguilera, to fans
42. Belonging to Omaha's li'l state
43. __ __ Parade, Whitehall (Where #20-Across takes place in London, England)
46. Old English letters
48. Dog's baby
49. Virtually
50. Mr. Vigoda's
52. O Meridian letters
53. Scottish DJ Mr. Harris
56. "Colin & Justin's Cabin __" (Show on #34-Across)
61. Business patron
62. Popular li'l dog
63. Ripened
64. Makes an attempt: 3 wds.
65. Pre-1868 Tokyo
66. Smelting waste
67. 1966 hit for Eric Burdon & The Animals: "__ __ Rider"
68. TV actress Susan
69. David Pierce link

DOWN
1. Datum
2. Open slightly
3. Edible root
4. Montreal event in '67
5. Display acronym in desktop publishing
6. "__ Lane" by The Beatles
7. Retro synthesizer
8. Jean de __, Jesuit missionary in early Canada
9. Supernatural
10. Shining brightly
11. "Buenos __!"
12. Isolated
13. Terminates
21. Deliver like a Reverend
24. Cattiness
25. Panorama
26. Sulked
27. Range in Quebec, __ Mountains
28. Michael Douglas' leading lady in "The War of the Roses" (1989) ...her initials-sharers
29. Necklace fastener
31. Mr. Agnew, President Nixon's first VP
32. __ Cold Cream
33. Bread-making ingredient
35. Beiges
36. Rejoices
41. Glasgow topper
44. __-__ shoes
45. Nintendo handheld system: 2 wds.
47. Computer file menu option: 2 wds.
51. Overindulge
52. Mark
53. "NCIS: New Orleans" actress Ms. Pounder's
54. Wings: Latin
55. __ Watier (Canadian cosmetics company)
56. Said "Not guilty." in court
57. Cummerbund
58. The __ Duckling
59. Study
60. Boundary

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get into an open fight with someone who is stronger or better connected than you. The only way to win is to make them think you are not a threat while quietly looking for ways to put your own interests first.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Most of the time you are super confident but something will knock you out of your stride today and make you think you have bitten off more than you can chew. In the greater scheme of things it's no big deal.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are perfectly within your rights to refuse a request from a friend or employer or colleague. According to the planets you need to avoid anything that might be too physically or mentally demanding over the next day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you use your imagination today and over the weekend you will find ways to make it pay. But don't think of that just in the financial sense — think of ways you can improve all your relationships, at home and at work.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The only danger now is that you might spend too much on other people. With Neptune, planet of illusion, turning retrograde in the wealth area of your chart you will find that cash has a way of slipping away.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is one of the best times of the year for getting along with people, both those you are close to already and those you would like to get close to. A little generosity on your part will go a very long way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be reluctant to do too much for someone today as you fear they will become dependent on you, but you are too nice to turn them away. Just don't make promises you might be unable or unwilling to keep.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can get a lot done with very little effort today, not least because others will be falling all over themselves to do you favours. Should you take advantage of their unexpected generosity? Of course — and quickly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There will be times today when you can hardly believe all the nice things certain people are saying about you. Not only should you believe them but you should encourage them to prove it. Let them pamper and praise you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Let partners and loved ones make the decisions today, especially if you're planning to be on the move. Let them come up with ideas — then you can decide whether or not you are interested.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't hesitate to help anyone who needs assistance today. However, think twice about giving away any of your hard-earned cash because it is likely to be wasted on things you won't approve of.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can have anything you want now, provided you give others what they want in return. Put your competitive instincts aside today and co-operate for the greater good — because it's good for you as well.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Flights + 2 Nights 4-Star + 8-Day Tour

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